

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed December 5, 2008 has been reviewed and carefully considered. No new matter has been added.

By this Office Action, Claims 9-22 have been amended. Claims 9-22 are pending.

Section 112 Rejection

Claims 9-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claims 9-22 have been amended to address each of the Examiner's objections per the Office Action. In particular, Claim 9 has been amended to delete "with fixed telephony terminals," as they are not part of the server and the phrase "such as ..." has also been deleted. The "data" in Claim 9 corresponds to the "telephone directory data," thus, "data" has been amended to "said telephone directory data." Claim 10 is now consistent with claim 9 as it now refers to the inputs of claim 9. Claims 11-22 have been amended as per the different corrections suggested by the Examiner and are now in consistence with claim 9. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Section 103(a) Rejection

Claims 9-10, 12-13, 15 and 17-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 7,020,478 to Collette, et al. (hereinafter "Collette") in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0127205 to Mahajan et al. (hereinafter "Mahajan"). Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Collette in view of Mahajan, and further in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0097382 to McDonald (hereinafter "McDonald"). Claim 14 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Collette in view of Mahajan, and further in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0062288 to Ooishi (hereinafter "McDonald"). Claim 16 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Collette in view of Mahajan, and further in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0092454 to Halim (hereinafter "Halim").

It is to be noted that Claim 9 is the only pending independent claim in the case.

As noted above, Claims 9-22 have been amended. Support for the amendments may be found in Applicant's specification.

Regarding Claim 9, Collette discloses a server for controlling telecommunications having a digital transmission link to the equipment. The remote server can receive and interpret short message. But Collette does not teach that the server comprises a *directory database enabling synchronisation of data of a fixed telephony terminal with other types of terminals* (which can be connected to the internet network).

Mahajan discloses a method of updating data in a database on a mobile station. Each data base has a directory. When a modification (update or delete) is made, the new information is updated in the telephone terminal through an SMS being sent to the terminal. Mahajan discloses a “terminal with a database” but does not disclose, as in Claim 9, a server with, for each user, a directory database.

Thus, taking Collette in view of Mahajan is still deficient in disclosing, as found in Claim 9, a system with a server which comprises, for each user, a directory database enabling synchronization of said data from a directory of a fixed-telephony terminal user with the other types of terminals which can be connected to the Internet network, and/or enabling backup of the data from a directory of fixed-telephony terminal users.

It is respectfully asserted that none of the cited references, either taken singly or in any combination, teach or suggest a “system, comprising a server with:

at least one SMS communications interface for the reception from and transmission to fixed-telephony terminals of data relating to their telephone directories,

inputs/outputs which can be connected to the Internet network for the reception from and transmission to computer, personal assistant or mobile telephone devices or other synchronization server, of said data, and,

for each user, a directory database enabling synchronization of said data from a directory of a fixed-telephony terminal user with the other types of terminal which can be connected to the Internet network, and/or enabling backup of the data from a directory of fixed-telephony terminal users.”

as described in currently amended Claim 9.

In view of the above remarks and amendments to Claim 9, it is respectfully submitted that this claim is allowable.

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Claims 10-14 concern the server of the claimed system of claim 9. Claims 10-14 being dependent on claim 9 and currently amended are in condition for allowance for at least the reasons stated above.

Claims 15-22 concern further the fixed telephony of the claimed system of Claim 9. Claims 15-22 being dependent on claim 9 and currently amended are in condition for allowance for at least the reasons stated above.

The applicant respectfully submits, in view of the above arguments, that the all arguments made by the Examiner have been addressed and this rejection should be withdrawn. Thus, reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of the claims set forth in the Office Action of December 5, 2008 be withdrawn, that pending claims 9-22 be allowed, and that the case proceed to early issuance of Letters Patent in due course.

No fee is believed due with regard to the filing of this amendment. However, if a fee is due, please charge Deposit Account No. 07-0832.

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